

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A dispensing container comprising:

a toroidal-shaped body having a hollow interior and having a top surface with an aperture; and

a lid having a tab portion hinged to an actuator portion at a radial hinge located on a radius of the body and covering a portion of said top surface, said tab portion extending circumferentially from said radial hinge a distance less than 90° around said top surface to a free end positioned and dimensioned to cover said aperture, said actuator portion being depressable to cause said tab portion to pivot about said radial hinge away from said aperture for gaining access to said hollow interior.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein said actuator portion is offset below a lid top surface.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the outer surfaces of said top and bottom surfaces are concave outwardly convex.

- 5. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein said tab portion comprises a tab bottom portion abutting an engaging surface of said top surface, whereby said tab bottom portion pivotally pivots about said engaging surface when said actuator portion is depressed, thereby causing said tab portion to pivot away from said aperture.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A dispensing container comprising:

a toroidal-shaped body having a top surface, a bottom surface, and opposing outer and inner sidewalls defining a hollow interior with a central void, said top surface having an aperture; and

a lid having a tab portion hinged to an actuator portion at a radial hinge located on a radius of the body and covering a portion of said top surface, said tab portion extending circumferentially from said radial hinge a distance less than 180° around said top surface to a free end positioned and dimensioned to cover said aperture and terminating at substantially the edge of said aperture, said actuator portion being depressable to cause said tab portion to pivot about said radial hinge away from said aperture for gaining access to said hollow interior.

- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Original) The container of claim 6, wherein said actuator portion is offset below a lid top surface.

- 9. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 6, wherein said bottom surface, a portion said top surface and a lid top surface are concave outwardly convex.
- 10. (Original) The container of claim 6, wherein said opposing outer and inner sidewalls are cylindrical and coaxial.
- 11. (Original) The container of claim 6, wherein said tab portion comprises a tab bottom portion abutting an engaging surface of said top surface, whereby said tab bottom portion pivotally pivots along said engaging surface when said actuator portion is depressed, thereby causing said tab portion pivot away from said aperture.

12-19. (Canceled)

- 20. (New) The container of claim 6, wherein the lid is hinged to the container at a location on the upper outer edge of the toroidal-shaped body.
- 21. (New) The container of claim 20, wherein the top of the toroid, including the outer surface of the lid, is uniformly outwardly convex.
- 22. (New) The container of claim 21, wherein the said bottom surface is uniformly outwardly convex.

- 23. (New) The container of claim 20, wherein the lid extends less than 90° about the circumference of the container.
- 24. (New) The container of claim 6, wherein the lid, in a position to close the aperture together with the top outer surface of the container is uniformly outwardly convex about its complete circumference and wherein the said bottom surface of the container is also uniformly outwardly convex and of a shape similar to the convexity of the top outer surface of the container.